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1)🛛	Responsive to communication(s) file	ed on <u><i>04 March 200</i>9</u>	<u>)</u> .				
2a) <u></u>	This action is FINAL . 2b) This action is non-final.						
3)	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is						
	closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.						
Dispositi	on of Claims						
4)🖂	Claim(s) <u>1-7,9,15,16,18-20,24 and 3</u>	35-39 is/are pending	in the application.				
	4a) Of the above claim(s) <u>21</u> is/are withdrawn from consideration.						
5)	Claim(s) is/are allowed.						
6)🛛	Claim(s) <u>1-7,9,15,16,18-20,24 and 3</u>	<u>35-39</u> is/are rejected					
7)	7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.						
8)□	Claim(s) are subject to restrict	ction and/or election	requirement.				
Applicati	on Papers						
9)🛛	The specification is objected to by th	e Examiner.					
10)🛛	10)⊠ The drawing(s) filed on <u>25 October 2003</u> is/are: a)⊠ accepted or b)□ objected to by the Examiner.						
	Applicant may not request that any obje	ction to the drawing(s)	be held in abeyance. Se	e 37 CFR 1.85(a).			
	Replacement drawing sheet(s) including	g the correction is requ	ired if the drawing(s) is ob	ojected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).			
11)	The oath or declaration is objected to	o by the Examiner. N	lote the attached Office	Action or form PTO-152.			
Priority u	ınder 35 U.S.C. § 119						
12)⊠ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).							
a)	X All b) Some * c) None of:						
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.							
	2. Certified copies of the priority						
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage							
application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).							
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.							
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Attachmen 1) Notice	t(s) e of References Cited (PTO-892)		4) Interview Summary	v (PTO-413)			
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) Paper No(s)/Mail Date							
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DETAILED ACTION

It is noted that claim 21 has an improper claim status identifier, and should be labeled as"(withdrawn)".

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 12/09/2008 has been entered.

Specification

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: The term "in-line" recited in claim 37 is not supported by the specification. The term "non-sliding" recited in claim 37 is not supported by the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 38 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The claim recites that the pivots are non-sliding, and points to FIGS. 1 and 2 for support. It is noted that the term "non-sliding" can be interpreted very broadly, and that the word sliding merely refers to motion that is smooth and continuous. Because the term "non-sliding" is not defined in the specification and the word "sliding" can be interpreted broadly, the recitation in claim 38 is being considered new matter.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-7,9,15,16,18-20, 24 and 35-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The term "relatively full mobility" in claim 1 is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite. The term " relatively full mobility " is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention. Applicant indicated in the remarks, page, 6, that support for this limitation

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was found in paragraph [0019] of the U.S. Publication; however, this paragraph does not appear to clarify this claim limitation.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARY HOFFMAN whose telephone number is (571)272-5566. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 10:00-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo C. Robert can be reached on 571-272-4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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